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Based on the concept of organic matter adsorption from aqueous systems, highly active site species were required for good adsorption of organic waste in water. Poly(amidoamine) (PAMAM) dendrimer, the highly-branched structure that emanates from a central core, was used in cooperation with montmorillonite (MMT), a smectite clay of high surface area in nanocomposite form which acts as an effective adsorbent in organic wastewater treatment applications. Due to the inorganic character of MMT, the organic adsorption ability of MMT was improved by replacing the exchangeable cations via an ion-exchange reaction with octadecylamine and di(hydrogenated tallow)dimethylammonium chloride. These modifying agents differ in their chemical structures. The PAMAM/MMT nanocomposites (prepared by solution technique) were compared with poly(ethylene oxide)/MMTs, the nanocomposites with linear polymer molecules (prepared by melt technique) for organic waste adsorption. All nanocomposites were characterized using WAXS, TGA and FT-IR. The viscosity of the nanocomposites in aqueous solution was studied. The ability to remove organic contaminants from aqueous solution, based on different molecular structures of organically modified clays (PAMAM/MMTs and linear PEO/MMT nanocomposites), were evaluated using UV/VIS spectroscopy.

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**ABBREVIATIONS**

Meq	=	Milliequivalent
MMT	=	Montmorillonite
Na-MMT	=	Sodium montmorillonite
OC	=	Octadecylamine
OC-MMT	=	Octadecylamine modified montmorillonite
OH	=	Di(hydrogenated tallow)dimethylammonium chloride
OH-MMT	=	Di(hydrogenated tallow)dimethylammonium chloride modified montmorillonite
PAMAM	=	Poly(amidoamine)
PEO	=	Poly(ethylene oxide)